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## I. Rescission of Circular Letter

1. Chief Surgeon's Circular Letter No. 24, dated 12 July 1945, subject: "Publications Relating to the Medical Department," is hereby rescinded.

## II. Publications Relating to the Medical Department.

2. The importance of currently published technical and administrative information relating to Medical Department activities demands that every effort be made to ensure that all concerned be properly supplied with pertinent publications.

3. Publications relating to the functions of the Medical Department may be divided into four (4) categories. These are:

a. War Department Publications: These are distributed by the Adjutant General's distributing agencies of all commands. Included among such publications and of particular interest to the Medical Department are; Army Regulations and General Orders; War Department Circulars, Bulletins and Memoranda; Technical and Field Manuals; Technical Bulletins, Medical (TB LED).

b. Professional Journals and Books by Private Companies or Associations:

(1) Medical text books are issued as set forth in Tables of Organization and Equipment and Medical Department equipment lists and may be obtained by ordering through the usual medical supply channels. For detailed information see SB 8-4, 21 March 1944. According to letter, Office of The Surgeon General, dated 29 November 1945, Subject: "Books," file SFMDE, no new books will be standardized for a period of six months, other than those presently in process. Units are therefore not encouraged to request books other than those carried in Medical Department lists.

(2) Subscriptions for authorized journals, based on authorized allowances for medical units, are initiated automatically by the Army Medical Purchasing Office. This is done before units leave for overseas stations. Units not receiving these journals should notify the Army Medical Purchasing Office, 52 Broadway, New York 4, New York. See SB 8-20, May 1944 for additional information.



(3) To supply these publications to officers in organizations other than hospitals, as directed by letter, GHQ, AFPAC, dated 1 November 1945, Subject: "Circulating Medical Libraries", Medical Libraries have been set up in the Surgeon's Office, Headquarters, each Air Force, Replacement Depot, Base, and Division. Medical books and Journals may be borrowed from these libraries for fixed periods of time, allowing adequate time for study.

c. The Bulletin of the United States Army Medical Department: This publication, prepared under the supervision of The Surgeon General, is forwarded in bulk shipment from the United States to Surgeons of the Major Commands for further distribution. Copies are to be supplied to each officer of the Medical Department.

d. Theater of Operations Publications: Regulations, Circulars and memoranda originating in this theater are distributed as follows:

(1) Command Directives: AFPAC Regulations, General Orders, Circulars, Information Bulletins and Training Bulletins are distributed by the Adjutant General's Distributing agencies.

(2) The Chief Surgeon's Technical and Administrative Memoranda, and The Chief Surgeon's Circular Letters are sent in bulk shipments to the Surgeons of the Major Commands (AFWESPAC, AFMIDPAC, PACUSA, Sixth Army, Eighth Army, and XXIV Corps) for distribution to units of their commands. The distribution intended for each of these is indicated on each copy and the surgeon of each major command is responsible for making further distribution according to the following distribution schedule:

- A. All units of the Medical Department.
- B. All units concerned with the care of patients.
- C. All hospitals.
- D. Surgeons of all Commands down to and including units of Division level.
- E. All officers of all corps in the Medical Department.

4. The Journal of Military Medicine in the Pacific: This Journal is published by the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Articles which appear in the Journal are those considered to be of value and interest in military medicine and particularly appropriate to the Pacific Theater. Commanding Officers of medical units, consultants, and individual Medical Department officers are encouraged to take an interest in the preparation and submission of such articles. Articles submitted, or other communications concerning the Journal, should be in duplicate and should be addressed to The Managing Editor, The Journal of Military Medicine in the Pacific, GHQ, AFPAC, Office of the Chief Surgeon, APO 500. All



charts and illustrations should be suitable for reproduction. Distribution is made to individual units by mail from this office. Requests direct to this office for back issues will be honored as long as the stock lasts.

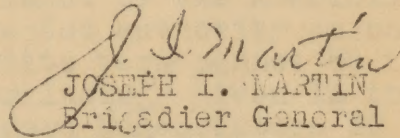
5. Lists of War Department Technical Bulletins, Medical (TB MED), issued since this bulletin replaced SGO Circular Letters, which are applicable to units in this theater, Chief Surgeon's Circular Letters (AFPAC) and Chief Surgeon's Technical Memoranda (AFPAC), still in effect, will be issued in the near future.

6. Requests for additional copies or copies missed should be made as follows:

a. Publications distributed through The Adjutant General's Office must be procured from local AGO distributing agencies, (See AR 310-20G). Requisitions for AGO publications should include only such publications as are distributed through that office. Lists of these are included in FM 21-6.

b. Publications distributed through Medical Department channels are to be ordered from the Surgeon of the appropriate major command. Surgeons of major commands will order from this office. Requests for these publications should be submitted through regular Medical Department channels.

7. This office is ready at all times to assist units and surgeons in obtaining any information data available.

  
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